

REMARKS

The claims, which are the claims filed during the International Preliminary Examination, have been amended to eliminate multiple claim dependency. The amendment made to the specification during the International Preliminary Examination has also been made by the present amendment.


The applicants want to make use of the International Preliminary Examination Report, and the Examiner's attention is directed to it.

An early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0562.

Respectfully submitted,

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